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Dear Sir,

I am writing this in the context of the California Controversy about the origins of Indo-European family of languages. I am aware of the edits proposed by Shri Shivaji Bajpeyi and Acharya Arumuganathanswami. I agree with the proposed edits.

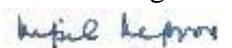
I have also looked at the final proposed paragraph related to early Indian history from the Vedic period to the post-Saraswati migrations of the speakers of Indic languages, to the Gangetic plains and beyond. I am referring to the latest wording received from the Commission's reviewers.

One may have small differences of opinion about chronos and evolution (Harappan to post-Harappan, Saraswati to post-Saraswati, and so on) but I can understand the limitations of accommodating points of view and space. Therefore I endorse both edits as well as the last wording received.

I am enclosing separately my brief bio for your reference and information.

Thanking you,

With kind regards



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Brief Bio - KAPIL KAPOOR

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Currently Chancellor Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University Wardha, and

Chairman MHRD Language Expert Committee “to evolve comprehensive language policy”.

Former Rector (Pro-Vice-Chancellor) JNU from 1999-2002, **Dean** of the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, JNU, from 1996-1999, **Professor of English**, Centre for Linguistics and English, and **Concurrent Professor**, Centre for **Sanskrit Studies**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Editor-in-Chief, 11-Volume **Encyclopaedia of Hinduism** (sponsored by Parmarth Niketan / India Heritage Research Foundation, USA) that has recently (January 2012) been published and **Chief Editor** of the Sahitya Akademi sponsored **Encyclopaedia of Indian Poetics**, a UNESCO project, that is under publication.

Visiting Professor Irish Academy of Cultural Heritages, University of Ulster, U.K. (2005-2009).

Nominated Member, Advisory Board for India Studies, Trinity College (University) Dublin.

Nominated Birla Foundation Fellow in 2007 **Nominated Member** Governing Body, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS) Shimla. **Nominated Member** Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR). **Nominated Satindra Singh. Noor Fellow** Punjabi University Patiala 2011-2013.

Nominated Member, the Monitoring and Planning Committee of Central University of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath and Member General Council. **Nominated Member** of Sanchi University Mentor Group (SUMG)/General Council of the Sanchi University of Buddhist and Indic Studies, Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh.

Chairman MHRD Committee of Language Experts to develop a Comprehensive National Language Policy

UGC Emeritus Fellow at JNU 2007-2009. Adviser CBSE, New

Delhi for English since 2000.

He was nominated member of the Academic Council of the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad and of the Executive Councils of Central University of Hyderabad and of Gurukula Kangri, Haridwar.

His Books: (After 2005)

Dimensions of Panini Grammar: Indian Grammatical System 2005

Text and Interpretation: The Indian Tradition 2005.

Indian Knowledge Systems (2 Vols.), (edited) 2005.

Rati-Bhakti in India's Narrative Traditions [Hindi] written as a Birla Foundation Fellow, 2007 – 2008 has been published in 2011 apart from his earlier books including *Literary Theory*, *Indian Conceptual Framework* (1998); *Canonical Texts of Literary Criticism* (1995), *Language, Literature and Linguistics The Indian Perspective* (1994) and *South Asian Love Poetry* (1994).

Encyclopedia of Hinduism RUPA Delhi 2012. International Edition
Mandala Publications USA 2013.

Mutual Regards: Irish-Indian Anthology (with Professors Welch and Mac Mathuna of the University of Ulster, UK, as co-editors) is to be published by the end of 2014 and **Abhinavagupta Manuscripts** is under publication.

Major Recent Invited Lectures

2007, Keynote Address in the Conference on the ‘Principle of Sacred’ at the Department of Celtic Studies University of Ulster U.K.

2008, lecture on ‘Democracy and Polity’ in the House of Lords, UK.

From **2005 to 2009**, he delivered invited lectures each year in the Irish Academy of Cultural Heritages, University of Ulster, UK. On **Comparative Aesthetics, Rime of the Ancient Mariner and Philosophy of Knowledge, Globalisation and Cultures**

2011, Keynote Lecture on ‘Alternative Education Paradigm’ in the International University Conference sponsored by Uberoi Foundation in Los Angeles, USA.

2013, International Keynote Address in the International Conference on Vivekananda at the University of South California, USA.

Delivered lectures (stopped counting and listing) by invitation in several universities in India, including IITs, and published around 90 articles in the areas of Indian and Western philosophy, grammar, literature and aesthetics and 19th Century British literature.

Honored

in 2003 by MHRD, India, for his contribution to Sanskrit and

in 2010 by Shiksha Sanskriti Utthana Nyasa for contribution to Indian education.

October 2, 2011 he honored at Maria Louisa University Los Angeles by the Uberoi Foundation California USA for his contribution to Linguistics and Indic Civilization Studies.

in 2012 honoured as a distinguished scholar by Kunwar Narendra Pratap Singh Kalyankari Trust Gorakhpur by Mahant Adityanath Yogi ji.

Adviser BPS Rural Women’s University Khanpur Kalan, Haryana 2010 - 2014.

Since 1973, was in JNU where he became Professor of English in 1996 and was designated by the JNU Executive Council as Concurrent Professor of Sanskrit Studies in 2000, the only Concurrent Professor in JNU. Guided 42 PhDs and 30 Mphils.

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